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SUBJECT: MINISTERIAL CHANGES IN MALAWI

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1. UNCLASSIFIED. MALAWI DAILY TIMES HAS ANNOUNED EFFECTIVE AUGUST 25 THAT WADSON DELEZA ASSUMES THE LABOR PORTFOLIO IN ADDITION TO THAT OF OAU AFFAIRS. ROBSON CHIRWA, ALTHOUGH LOSING LABOR PORTFOLIO, REMAINS MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS. D.D. KAINJA-NTHARA IS NOW ONLY MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT. FORMER MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL WELFARE IS NOW A DEPARTMENT UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT MINISTRY. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DELEZA AS LABOR MINISTER ENDS HIS TEMPORARY DEMOTION IN THE GOVERNMENT (REFTEL). DELEZA'S CONTINUED SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MALAWI CONGRESS PARTY AND HIS REAPPOINTMENT INDICATE HE HAS REGAINED THE TRUST AND CONFIDENCE OF PRESIDENT BANDE. DELEZA WAS ALSO PROBABLY UNDER-EMPLOYED WITH JUST OAU AFFAIRS WHILE CHIRWA, THE NEWEST MINISTER, WILL NOW BE ABLE TO CONCENTRATE HIS EFFORTS ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION MATTERS.

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